



Attorney Docket No.: A-1719-AV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: Kahle, et al )  
U.S. Serial No.: 09/675,851 )  
Filing Date: September 28, 2000 )  
Title: SURGICAL INSTRUMENT WITH )  
IMPROVED HANDLE ASSEMBLY )

Examiner: To be Assigned

Group Art Unit: To be Assigned

Docket No.: A-1719-AV

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to an Office Action on the merits, this amendment is being filed in connection with the above-identified non-provisional application.

In the Specification

✓ On page 1, line 11, under "Cross Reference to Related Applications," please substitute the following.

--PCT/US00/10296 filed January 19, 2000, both of which are incorporated

al herein by reference.—

RE/A  
#3  
MDB  
10-29-01

RECEIVED  
OCT 25 2001  
TC 3700 MAIL ROOM